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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Insert amended paragraph 0012 to read as follows:

[0012] A more complete understanding of the present invention will become apparent from the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 comprising Fig. 1a and Fig 1b illustrates a modular architecture in accordance with an aspect of the present invention;

Fig. 2 illustrates a block diagram of the ELMC communication with the vehicle in accordance with an aspect of the present invention;

Fig. 3A comprising Fig. 3Aa and 3Ab illustrates a block diagram of a Load Management Module in accordance with an aspect of the present invention;

Fig. 3B comprising Fig. 3Ba, 3Bb and 3Bc illustrates a block diagram of logic in an application specific integrated circuit in accordance with an aspect of the present invention; and

Fig. 4 illustrates packaging of the ELMC in accordance with an aspect of the present invention.

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